(9) Provision of meal for indoor patients in the Rural Hospitals and Primary Health Centres.

(10) Mobile Health Units.

Apart from the above schemes of State Government, Family Welfare schemes of Govt, of India are also being implemented in the State of Maharashtra including in tribal areas.

**Killing of Rhinos in Kaziranga National Park**

*188. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether International poaching mafia has taken to organised killing of rhinos in the Kaziranga National Park, home to the endangered one-horned rhinoceros;

(b) if so, the measures proposed to check infiltration of poachers coming from Bangladesh and Burma borders; and

(c) the action taken to arm forest guards with modern communication facilities and arms to challenge the poachers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE INTHE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI BABU LAL MARANDI): (a) to (c) During 1996, 1997 and 1998, 26,12 and 8 cases respectively of rhino poachisng have been detected in the Kaziranga National Park. Based on information received from certain sources and on recovery of horns, there is apprehension that there are international linkages in the poaching that has taken place. In order to prevent poaching and strengthen infrastructure in the Park, financial assistance has been provided to the State Forest Department details of which are given in enclosed statement *(See* below). Besides, review meetings are being taken with the state audiorities to further strengthen anti poaching measures. The Ministry is also co-ordinating measures with the Central Board for Excise and Customs, CBI and the Ministry of Home Affairs so as to source information and keep a close watch on potential routes through which poached products could possibly be transported tiirough.

**Statement**

*Central assistance provided to Kaziranga National Park under various centrally sponsored scheme*

| Scheme | Amount released (Rs. in lakhs) | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 1993-94 | 1994-95 | 1995-96 | 1996-97 | 1997-98 | 1998-99 | 1999-2000 |
| Development of National Parks & Sanctuaries | 88.58 | 88.58* | 47.80* | 47.80* | 50.89 | 58.05 | 38.05*<br>0.44** |
| Ecodevelopment around Protected Areas | 3.85 | 3.85* | Nil | 6.00 | 6.00* | 6.00*<br>17.84** | 17.84* |

*Revalidation

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**Schools Running without CBSE Recognition**

*189. SHRI A VIJAYA RAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government would take steps to take action against the schools, functioning as CBSE Schools, without the recognition by CBSE;

(b) if so, the details in this regard; and

(c) what steps have been taken by Government to ensure the future of the students who are being cheated by such schools?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) to (c) The Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) affiliates schools for the purpose of Public Examinations conducted by the Board at class X and class XII level. The CBSE does not grant recognition to the schools. In case some of these schools make false claims about recognition/affiliation with the CBSE, then enquiry is conducted aginst them, warning is issued and the status of such schools is notified for the information of general public. In this connection the Government has set up a Malpractices Cell in the Ministry. All the Autonomous Organisations under its control have also been advised to set up such Malpractices Cells and to gather information about the defaulter individuals and organisations who mislead the general public and take appropriate legal action against them.